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(covering its work during 1993)

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CHAPTER III

DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON DECOLONIZATION

A. Consideration by the Special Committee

1. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February 1993, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/L.1794), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to maintain its Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance and allocated to it certain specific items for its consideration. The Committee further decided to consider the question of the dissemination of information on decolonization, as appropriate, at its plenary and Subcommittee meetings.

2. The Special Committee considered the question at its 1416th, 1417th and 1421st meetings, held between 8 and 14 July 1993.

3. In its consideration of the question, the Special Committee took into account the provisions of the relevant General Assembly resolutions including, in particular, resolution 47/24 of 25 November 1992 concerning the dissemination of information on decolonization, and resolution 47/23 of the same date, on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. The Committee also considered Assembly resolution 45/33 of 20 November 1990 relating to the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration.

4. At the 1416th meeting, on 8 July, the Rapporteur of the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance, in a statement to the Special Committee (A/AC.109/PV.1416), introduced the report of the Subcommittee (A/AC.109/L.1797), which related to consultations with the representatives of the Department of Public Information and of the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat, and to the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of All Colonial Territories, as well as Those in South Africa, Fighting for Freedom, Independence and Human Rights (24-28 May 1993).

5. At the 1417th meeting, on 12 July, the Chairman made a statement (A/AC.109/PV.1417).

6. At its 1421st meeting, on 14 July, following a statement by the representative of Mali, the Special Committee adopted the report of the Subcommittee (A/AC.109/L.1797) and endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained therein (see paras. 7 and 9).

B. Decision of the Special Committee

Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of All Colonial Territories, as well as Those in South Africa, Fighting for Freedom, Independence and Human Rights

7. The report of the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance (A/AC.109/L.1797), adopted by the Special Committee at its 1421st meeting, on 14 July 1993 (see para. 6), contained the following conclusions and recommendations, on the basis of which a number of activities were undertaken during and in the framework of the Week:

(a) A public screening of films produced in English, French and Spanish should be held;

(b) Articles in the Department of Public Information publications, the UN Chronicle and Objective: Justice (1993 edition), should feature the activities of the Week;

(c) The Department of Public Information, in addition to short items in news and current affairs magazines, should produce special feature radio programmes on the Week;

(d) The United Nations information centres and information services world wide should undertake activities which would reflect the current situation and expectations with regard to the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories;

(e) The statement of the Chairman of the Special Committee on the activities of the Week should be issued as a press release;

(f) Information packages containing United Nations publications on decolonization issues should be distributed to the media and the non-governmental organizations.

8. In accordance with the above decision (see para. 7 (e)), the Chairman of the Special Committee issued on 28 May the following statement in commemoration of the Week of Solidarity:

Statement issued by the Chairman on 28 May 1993
on the Week of Solidarity

"In 1972, the General Assembly, in its resolution 2911 (XXVII) addressed an appeal to the Governments and peoples of the world to hold annually a Week of Solidarity with the Colonial Peoples in southern Africa. This Week was to start on 25 May, which marks Africa Liberation Day. At that time, a large part of southern Africa was under colonial rule.

"In November 1982, the General Assembly expanded the scope of the Week of Solidarity to include its support for the peoples of all other dependent Territories, as well as those in South Africa fighting for self-determination and independence and for basic human rights.

"During the past 20 years, some 30 million men and women of Africa have achieved their freedom from colonial rule; no fewer than 25 colonial Territories world wide have acceded to independence, many of them becoming members of the world Organization. The achievements scored by the peoples concerned demonstrate the fact that neither force nor violence could stem the rising tide of national consciousness, nor could they continue to deprive the peoples concerned of their inalienable right to justice and human dignity.

"Last year there were great hopes that a peaceful settlement to the problems besetting South Africa could soon be reached. It is with regret that I note that this has not eventuated and there has been grave international concern about South Africa's future. The recent events have indicated that, the path to a non-racial democracy in South Africa is strewn with many difficulties.

"Notwithstanding setbacks, the process of negotiated change is still continuing in South Africa. It is the fervent hope of the international community that the negotiation will lead soon to the peaceful emergence of a new society in which South Africans of all races can live together in harmony as equal citizens of a non-racial democracy. However, the

eradication of apartheid will require fortitude, tolerance and perseverance on the part of all political leaders during the difficult period ahead.

"Today, as we observe the Week of Solidarity for the twentieth consecutive year, and on the eve of the thirtieth anniversary of the creation of the Organization of African Unity, the world community should rededicate itself to the full attainment of the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles embodied in the historic Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and pledge its unqualified support for the effective observance of the basic principles of freedom and dignity of all Territories, as well as those in South Africa, fighting for freedom, independence and human rights.

"On behalf of the Special Committee, I wish to urge all Member States to take whatever measures necessary for mobilizing the maximum possible support for the peoples of South Africa and the dependent peoples throughout the world, by effecting the widest possible dissemination of information on their just cause and the rights and the plight they endure.

"I wish to appeal to all Member States, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as non-governmental organizations, to lend maximum support to the peoples of South Africa and the dependent peoples elsewhere, in order to enable them to exercise their inalienable rights to self-determination and independence without further delay."

C. Other decisions of the Special Committee

9. The report of the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance (A/AC.109/L.1797), adopted by the Special Committee at its 1421st meeting, on 14 July 1993 (see para. 6), contained the following conclusions and recommendations:

(1) The Special Committee reiterates the importance of effecting the widest possible dissemination of accurate information on decolonization to further the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960) and to mobilize world public opinion in support of the peoples of colonial Territories in their efforts to achieve self-determination, freedom and independence.

(2) The Special Committee reiterates the great importance it attaches to the work of the Department of Political Affairs. The Committee urges the Department to continue to discharge its mandate, taking into account all the Territories under the consideration of the Committee.

(3) While noting the active participation of the Department of Public Information in the work of the Committee and its efforts to produce and disseminate information on decolonization, to monitor the responses received from the United Nations information centres and to report thereon, the Special Committee requests the Department:

(a) To continue to intensify, through all the means at its disposal, its work of publicity in the field of decolonization, basing its activities in this regard on the Charter; the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples; the Plan of Action for the Full Implementation of the Declaration, contained in the annex to General

Assembly resolution 35/118 of 11 December 1980; the items on the agenda of the Special Committee; and all relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and of other organs of the United Nations active in the field of decolonization;

(b) To underline in all its activities that, despite major achievements in the process of decolonization, colonialism has not been completely eradicated and that the activities of the United Nations in this field should be given high priority until all of the goals of the Declaration have been achieved;

(c) To continue to disseminate information on all remaining colonial Territories under the consideration of the Special Committee, including information on military bases or facilities in any of those Territories;

(d) To disseminate more widely, particularly through parliamentary bodies, non-governmental organizations, mass media and universities, decolonization resolutions and decisions of the United Nations, including those adopted by the Special Committee, as well as other basic materials concerning decolonization and to distribute them, especially through United Nations information centres, in local languages when appropriate, in particular in those regions where there are still Non-Self-Governing Territories, and in countries that are administering Powers;

(e) To disseminate, or continue to disseminate, information in official languages of the United Nations, particularly in French, which is one of the two working languages of the Organization;

(f) To pursue its cooperation with the Pool of Non-Aligned News Agencies and to provide it on a regular basis with varied publicity material and information concerning United Nations activities in the field of decolonization;

(g) To continue to disseminate materials prepared by the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries concerning decolonization;

(h) To adopt measures aimed at providing full coverage of all activities of relevant United Nations bodies in the field of decolonization in press releases in both English and French;

(i) To continue to provide information material on decolonization through, inter alia, exhibitions to be shown outside United Nations Headquarters, to all United Nations information centres and to increase assistance to them in all related activities;

(j) To produce new visual material on problems of decolonization in cooperation with the Special Committee;

(k) To utilize materials pertaining to the participation of specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in the decolonization process, and to distribute those materials, as appropriate, through the United Nations information centres.

(4) The Special Committee requests the Department of Public Information to provide it with feedback reports from the United Nations information centres regarding their dissemination of information on decolonization and, in particular, on the activities undertaken in 1993 in relation to the celebration of the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of

All Colonial Territories, as well as Those in South Africa, Fighting for Freedom, Independence and Human Rights.

(5) The Special Committee requests the Department of Public Information to continue its efforts to ensure that information bodies provide better coverage of decolonization in all regions.

(6) The Special Committee requests the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the Department of Political Affairs, to increase its speaking engagements at university campuses on the subject of decolonization and to inform the Subcommittee on the experience and the results achieved.

(7) The Special Committee requests the Department of Public Information and the Department of Political Affairs to continue to take into consideration the important role being played by non-governmental organizations in the decolonization process and in the dissemination of information on the situation in all the remaining colonial Territories under consideration of the Committee. The Committee requests the two Departments to continue to intensify their cooperation with non-governmental organizations in the dissemination of information on decolonization, particularly through briefings and the provision of relevant printed materials.

(8) The Special Committee appeals to the mass media to regard it as their task to contribute to the elimination of the remaining manifestations of colonialism by disseminating information on the decolonization issues and to provide support to the peoples of the colonial countries.

10. The Special Committee also took decisions during the year relating to publicity in connection with other items on its agenda as follows:

(a) In a resolution concerning foreign economic activities in colonial countries, adopted at its 1428th meeting, on 12 August 1993 (see A/AC.109/1176 and A/48/23 (Part III), chap. V), the Special Committee, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to continue, through all means at his disposal, to inform world public opinion of those activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. The Special Committee also appealed to mass media, trade unions and non-governmental organizations, as well as individuals, to continue their efforts for the full implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and in the struggle against apartheid.

(b) In a decision on military activities in colonial Territories, adopted at its 1428th meeting, on 12 August 1993 (see A/AC.109/1177 and Corr.1 and A/48/23 (Part III), chap. VI), the Special Committee requested the Secretary-General to continue to inform world public opinion of those military activities and arrangements in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories which constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

CHAPTER IV

QUESTION OF SENDING VISITING MISSIONS TO TERRITORIES

A. Consideration by the Special Committee

1. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February 1993, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/L.1794), the Special Committee decided to take up the question of sending visiting missions to Territories as appropriate. The Committee further decided that the item should be considered at its plenary meetings and, as appropriate, by its Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance, in connection with its examination of specific Territories.

2. The Special Committee considered the question at its 1417th meeting, on 12 July 1993.

3. In its consideration of the question, the Special Committee took into account the provisions of the relevant General Assembly resolutions including, in particular, those provisions relating to the question contained in resolution 47/23 of 25 November 1992 on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and resolution 47/27 of 25 November 1992 and Assembly decision 47/413 of the same date relating to specific Territories. The Committee also considered Assembly resolution 45/33 of 20 November 1990 relating to the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration.

4. During its consideration of the question, the Special Committee had before it the report of the Chairman (A/AC.109/L.1801) on his consultations with representatives of the administering Powers, undertaken in accordance with paragraph 4 of the resolution adopted by the Committee at its 1407th meeting, on 28 July 1992. 1/ In his report, the Chairman stated, inter alia, that he had appealed to the administering Powers to cooperate or continue to cooperate with the United Nations for the sending of such missions. It had been the understanding of the Special Committee, from the exchange of views that took place at its regional seminars held in 1990, 1992 and 1993, 2/ that some territorial Governments had expressed their willingness to receive United Nations visiting missions.

5. The Chairman said that he had informed his interlocutors that the Special Committee continued to attach the utmost importance to the cooperation of the administering Powers. Their full cooperation was indispensable for the successful implementation of the Plan of Action approved by the General Assembly for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism. He had taken that opportunity to express his appreciation to the administering Powers concerned for their cooperation in facilitating the participation of a number of representatives from Non-Self-Governing Territories in the two seminars that the Committee had organized within the context of that International Decade.

6. The Chairman stated that he had drawn the attention of the representatives of the administering Powers to the efforts that the Special Committee continued to deploy in order to improve its efficiency and methods of work in fulfilling its mandate. He had pointed out that a number of the measures initiated by the Committee in that regard had taken into account the concerns expressed by some administering Powers and, therefore, should contribute to the restoration of a climate of cooperation between them and the Committee.

7. As in previous years, the administering Powers consulted had reiterated their willingness to continue to provide all necessary information on the

Territories under their administration in accordance with Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations. With regard to the dispatch of visiting missions, however, the same willingness had not been displayed and it appeared that in most cases, further efforts by the Special Committee would be required before the full cooperation of the administering Powers concerned could be restored.

8. In this connection, the Chairman reported that the representative of one of the administering Powers had stated that, with the end of the cold war, many changes had taken place in the world and he had expressed the hope that some of those changes would be reflected in the work of the Special Committee. The representative had also said that references to certain issues in the resolutions of the Committee which, in his view were not within the purview of the Committee, were not constructive and did not contribute to the Committee's effective performance. The representative considered that the Committee, in rationalizing its work, should make every effort to respond to his Government's concerns, thereby paving the way for closer cooperation and participation by that administering Power in the work of the Committee. The representative had reiterated his Government's total commitment to the principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations concerning Non-Self-Governing Territories. On the question of visiting missions to Territories under its administration, the representative had stated that his Government would continue to work with the Committee in resolving that question.

9. During its consideration of this question, the Special Committee took into account the conclusions and recommendations it had adopted at its 1414th meeting, on 28 May (A/AC.109/L.1795); see also A/48/23 (Part I), chapter I, paragraphs 32-38.

10. At the 1417th meeting, on 12 July, the Chairman drew attention to a letter dated 20 May 1993 addressed to him by the Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations (A/AC.109/1162) who, on behalf of his Government and the General Fono (Council) of Tokelau, extended an invitation to the Committee to send a visiting mission to Tokelau during the first half of 1994.

11. At the same meeting, the Special Committee decided to accept the invitation with appreciation and authorized the Chairman to hold the necessary consultations with the administering Power with a view to dispatching the visiting mission to Tokelau in early 1994.

12. Also, at the 1417th meeting, the Chairman drew attention to his report on the question (A/AC.109/L.1801) as well as a related draft resolution prepared by him (A/AC.109/L.1802).

13. At the same meeting, the Special Committee adopted the draft resolution (A/AC.109/L.1802) without objection (see para. 17).

14. On 19 July, the text of the resolution (A/AC.109/1166) was transmitted to the representatives of the administering Powers concerned for the attention of their respective Governments.

15. In addition to the consideration of this item at the plenary meetings of the Special Committee, as described below, the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance in considering the specific Territories referred to it, took into account the relevant provisions of the General Assembly resolutions and decisions mentioned in paragraph 3, as well as previous decisions of the Committee relating to the question.

16. By approving the relevant reports of that Subcommittee, the Special Committee endorsed a number of conclusions and recommendations concerning the sending of visiting missions to Territories, as reflected in chapter X of the present report (A/48/23 (Part VI)), relating to American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Tokelau, the Turks and Caicos Islands, the United States Virgin Islands and St. Helena.

B. Decision of the Special Committee

17. The text of the resolution (A/AC.109/1166), adopted by the Special Committee at its 1417th meeting, on 12 July 1993, to which reference is made in paragraph 13, is reproduced below:

The Special Committee,

Having considered the question of sending visiting missions to Territories,

Having examined the report of the Chairman on the question, 3/

Recalling the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Special Committee requesting the administering Powers to cooperate fully with the United Nations by receiving visiting missions in the Territories under their administration,

Mindful that United Nations visiting missions provide an effective means of assessing the situation in those Territories and of ascertaining the wishes and aspirations of the peoples thereof regarding their future status,

Conscious that United Nations visiting missions enhance the capacity of the United Nations to assist the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories in attaining the objectives set forth in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and in other relevant resolutions of the Assembly,

Taking note with appreciation of the invitation extended to the Special Committee by the Government of New Zealand to send a visiting mission to Tokelau in 1994, 4/

Noting with regret that some administering Powers do not participate in the work of the Special Committee,

1. Stresses the need to dispatch periodic visiting missions to Non-Self-Governing Territories in order to facilitate the full, speedy and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples with respect to those Territories;

2. Calls upon the administering Powers to cooperate or continue to cooperate with the United Nations by receiving United Nations visiting missions in the Territories under their administration;

3. Continues to call upon those administering Powers that are not participating in the work of the Special Committee to reconsider their decisions and to take an active part in the work of the Committee;

4. Requests its Chairman to continue consultations with the administering Powers concerned on the implementation of paragraph 2 of the present resolution and to report thereon to the Special Committee as appropriate.

Notes

1/ See A/47/23 (Part II), chap. IV, para. 17. The complete report is to be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/47/23).

2/ Regional seminars held in Vanuatu (A/AC.109/1040 and Corr.1) and Barbados (A/AC.109/1043) in 1990; in Grenada (A/AC.109/1114) in 1992; and in Papua New Guinea (A/AC.109/1159) in 1993. The first two were held in observance of the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples; the last two were held within the context of the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism.

3/ A/AC.109/L.1801.

4/ A/AC.109/1162.

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CHAPTER V

ACTIVITIES OF THOSE FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND OTHER INTERESTS WHICH IMPEDE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES IN TERRITORIES UNDER COLONIAL DOMINATION AND EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE COLONIALISM, APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

A. Consideration of the Special Committee

1. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February 1993, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/L.1794), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to take up the above question as a separate item and to consider it at its plenary meetings.

2. The Special Committee considered the item at its 1417th, 1427th and 1428th meetings, between 12 July and 12 August 1993.

3. In its consideration of the item, the Special Committee took into account the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, including in particular resolution 47/15 of 16 November 1992 relating to foreign economic activities in colonial Territories. The Committee also took into account the relevant provisions of Assembly resolution 45/33 of 20 November 1990 relating to the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration; and resolution 47/23 of 25 November 1992 on the implementation of the Declaration. Additionally, the Committee took into consideration the relevant documents of other intergovernmental bodies concerned, to which reference is made in the seventh preambular paragraph of the resolution it adopted on 12 August (see paras. 11 and 14).

4. During its consideration of the item, the Special Committee had before it working papers prepared by the Secretariat containing information on economic conditions, with particular reference to foreign economic activities, in the following Territories: Bermuda (A/AC.109/1153), the United States Virgin Islands (A/AC.109/1155), Montserrat (A/AC.109/1156), the Cayman Islands (A/AC.109/1157), Anguilla (A/AC.109/1158) and the Turks and Caicos Islands (A/AC.109/1161).

5. During its consideration of the item, the Special Committee took into account the conclusions and recommendations it had adopted at its 1414th meeting on 28 May (A/AC.109/L.1795); see also A/48/23 (Part I), chapter I, paragraphs 32-38.

6. At the 1417th meeting, on 12 July, the Chairman made a statement and drew attention to the relevant documentation (see A/AC.109/PV.1417).

7. At the 1427th meeting, on 27 July, the Chairman made a further statement (see A/AC.109/PV.1427).

8. At the 1428th meeting, on 12 August, the Chairman drew attention to draft resolution A/AC.109/L.1807, submitted by Cuba and the United Republic of Tanzania.

9. At the same meeting, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania introduced the draft resolution.

10. At the same meeting, the Special Committee adopted draft resolution A/AC.109/L.1807 (see para. 13) by a vote of 16 to 2, with 1 abstention. The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement in explanation of vote (see A/AC.109/PV.1428).

11. On 18 August, copies of the resolution (A/AC.109/1176) were transmitted to all States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and to the Organization of African Unity, the South Pacific Forum and the Caribbean Community.

B. Decision of the Special Committee

12. The text of the resolution (A/AC.109/1176) adopted by the Special Committee at its 1428th meeting, on 12 August 1993 (see para. 11), appears under section C, in the form of a recommendation of the Special Committee to the General Assembly.

C. Recommendation of the Special Committee

13. In accordance with decisions taken at its 1412th and 1417th meetings, on 10 February and 12 July 1993, respectively, the Special Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Activities of those foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Activities of those foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa",

Having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the item, 1/

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, as well as all its other resolutions on this subject, including, in particular, resolution 46/181 of 19 December 1991, endorsing the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, 2/

Reaffirming the solemn obligation of the administering Powers under the Charter of the United Nations to promote the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the Territories under their administration and to protect the human and natural resources of those Territories against abuses,

Reaffirming also that any economic or other activity that constitutes an obstacle to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and obstructs efforts aimed at

the elimination of colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination is a direct violation of the rights of the inhabitants and of the principles of the Charter and all relevant resolutions of the United Nations,

Reaffirming that the natural resources are the heritage of the indigenous populations of the colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Concerned about the activities of those foreign economic, financial and other interests that exploit the natural and human resources of the Non-Self-Governing Territories to the detriment of the interests of the inhabitants of those Territories and deprive them of their right to control the wealth of their countries,

Bearing in mind the relevant provisions of the final documents of the successive Conferences of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries and of the resolutions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, the South Pacific Forum and the Caribbean Community,

Recognizing the crucial and decisive role that the imposition of international sanctions has played in applying the necessary pressure on the South African regime to undertake significant measures towards the eradication of apartheid,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the peoples of colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories to self-determination and independence and to the enjoyment of the natural resources of their Territories, as well as their right to dispose of those resources in their best interests;

2. Reiterates that any administering Power that deprives the colonial peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories of the exercise of their legitimate rights over their natural resources, or subordinates the rights and interests of those peoples to foreign economic and financial interests, violates the solemn obligations it has assumed under the Charter of the United Nations;

3. Reaffirms its concern over the activities of those foreign economic, financial and other interests which continue to exploit the natural resources that are the heritage of the indigenous populations of the colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories in the Caribbean, the Pacific and other regions, as well as their human resources, to the detriment of their interests, thus depriving them of their right to control the resources of their Territories and impeding the realization by those peoples of their legitimate aspirations for self-determination and independence;

4. Condemns those activities of foreign economic and other interests in the colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), and the efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination;

5. Calls upon all States to maintain the existing measures against the apartheid regime as specified in the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, annexed to General Assembly resolution S-16/1 of 14 December 1989;

6. Calls once again upon all Governments that have not yet done so to take, in accordance with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, legislative, administrative or other measures in respect of their nationals and the bodies corporate under their jurisdiction

that own and operate enterprises in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories that are detrimental to the interests of the inhabitants of those Territories, in order to put an end to such enterprises and to prevent new investments that run counter to the interests of the inhabitants of those Territories;

7. Calls upon those oil-producing and oil-exporting countries that have not yet done so to take effective measures against the oil companies concerned so as to terminate the supply of crude oil and petroleum products to the Government of South Africa;

8. Reiterates that the exploitation and plundering of the marine and other natural resources of colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories by foreign economic interests, in violation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations, is a threat to the integrity and prosperity of those Territories;

9. Invites all Governments and organizations of the United Nations system to take all possible measures to ensure that the permanent sovereignty of the peoples of colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories over their natural resources is fully respected and safeguarded;

10. Urges the administering Powers concerned to take effective measures to safeguard and guarantee the inalienable right of the peoples of the colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories to their natural resources and to establish and maintain control over the future development of those resources, and requests the administering Powers to take all necessary steps to protect the property rights of the peoples of those Territories;

11. Calls upon the administering Powers concerned to ensure that no discriminatory and unjust wage systems or working conditions prevail in the Territories under their administration and to apply in each Territory a uniform system of wages to all the inhabitants without any discrimination;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to continue, through all means at his disposal, to inform world public opinion of those activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

13. Appeals to mass media, trade unions and non-governmental organizations, as well as individuals, to continue their efforts for the full implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and in the struggle against apartheid;

14. Decides to continue to monitor closely the situation in the colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories so as to ensure that all economic activities in those Territories are aimed at strengthening and diversifying their economies in the interest of the indigenous peoples and at promoting the economic and financial viability of those Territories, in order to facilitate and accelerate the exercise by the peoples of those Territories of their right to self-determination and independence;

15. Requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to examine this question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

Notes

1/ The present chapter.

2/ See A/46/634/Rev.1 of 13 December 1991.

CHAPTER VI

MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS BY COLONIAL POWERS IN TERRITORIES UNDER THEIR ADMINISTRATION

A. Consideration by the Special Committee

1. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February 1993, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/L.1794), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to take up the above question as a separate item and to consider it at its plenary meetings.

2. The Special Committee considered the item at its 1417th, 1427th and 1428th meetings, between 12 July and 12 August 1993.

3. In its consideration of the item, the Special Committee took into account the provisions of the relevant General Assembly resolutions, including in particular resolution 47/23 of 25 November 1992, paragraph 10 of which the Assembly called upon the administering Powers "to terminate military activities in the Territories under their administration and to eliminate military bases there in compliance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and urges them not to involve those Territories in any offensive acts or interference against other States". The Committee also took into account Assembly decision 47/409 of 16 November 1992, by paragraph 14 of which the Assembly requested the Committee "to continue to examine this question and to report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-eighth session". Further, the Committee took into account the relevant provisions of Assembly resolution 45/33 of 20 November 1990 relating to the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

4. During its consideration of the item, the Special Committee had before it working papers prepared by the Secretariat containing information on military activities and arrangements in the following Territories: Bermuda (A/AC.109/1144), Guam (A/AC.109/1149) and the United States Virgin Islands (A/AC.109/1151).

5. During its consideration of the item, the Special Committee took into account the conclusions and recommendations it had adopted at its 1414th meeting, on 28 May (A/AC.109/L.1795); see also A/48/23 (Part I), chapter I, paragraphs 32-38.

6. At the 1417th meeting, on 12 July, the Chairman made a statement and drew attention to the relevant documentation (see A/AC.109/PV.1417).

7. At the 1427th meeting, on 27 July, the Chairman made a further statement (see A/AC.109/PV.1427).

8. At the 1428th meeting, on 12 August, the Chairman drew attention to a draft decision submitted by Cuba and the United Republic of Tanzania (A/AC.109/L.1808).

9. At the same meeting, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania introduced the draft decision.

10. At the same meeting, following a statement by the Chairman, the Special Committee agreed to change the title of the item to read as follows: "Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration".

11. At the same meeting, the Special Committee adopted draft decision A/AC.109/L.1808 (see para. 13) by a vote of 16 to 2, with 1 abstention. The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement in explanation of vote (A/AC.109/PV.1428).

12. On 18 August, copies of the decision (A/AC.109/1177 and Corr.1) were transmitted to all States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization of African Unity (OAU), the South Pacific Forum and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

B. Decision of the Special Committee

13. The text of the decision (A/AC.109/1177 and Corr.1) adopted by the Special Committee at its 1428th meeting, on 12 August 1993 (see para. 11), appears under section C, in the form of a recommendation of the Special Committee to the General Assembly.

C. Recommendation of the Special Committee

14. In accordance with decisions taken at its 1412th and 1417th meetings, on 10 February and 12 July 1993, respectively, the Special Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration

1. The General Assembly, having considered the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to an item on the agenda of the Special Committee entitled "Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration" 1/ and recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and all other relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to military activities in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, reaffirms its strong conviction that military bases and installations in the Territories concerned could constitute an obstacle to the exercise by the people of those Territories of their right to self-determination and reiterates its strong views that existing bases and installations, which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, should be withdrawn.

2. Aware of the presence of such bases and installations in some of those Territories, the General Assembly urges the administering Powers concerned to continue to take all necessary measures not to involve those Territories in any offensive acts or interference against other States.

3. The General Assembly reiterates its concern that military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration might run counter to the rights and interests of the colonial peoples concerned, especially their right to self-determination and independence. The Assembly once again calls upon the administering Powers concerned to terminate such activities and to

eliminate such military bases in compliance with the relevant resolutions of the Assembly.

4. The General Assembly reiterates that the colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories and areas adjacent thereto should not be used for nuclear testing, dumping of nuclear wastes or deployment of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction.

5. The General Assembly welcomes the important changes taking place in South Africa aimed at facilitating the commencement of substantive constitutional negotiations. The Assembly notes that, these developments notwithstanding, apartheid remains and that as a result there is a continuing threat to the peace and security of the region.

6. The General Assembly condemns the continued military and intelligence collaboration between South Africa and certain countries, which constitutes a violation of the military embargo imposed against South Africa by the Security Council in its resolution 418 (1977) of 4 November 1977.

7. The General Assembly deplores the continued alienation of land in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, particularly in the small island Territories of the Pacific and Caribbean regions, for military installations. The large-scale utilization of the local resources for this purpose could adversely affect the economic development of the Territories concerned.

8. The General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to continue to inform world public opinion of those military activities and arrangements in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories which constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

9. The General Assembly requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to examine this question and to report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

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CHAPTER VII

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

A. Consideration by the Special Committee

1. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February 1993, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organizations of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/L.1794), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to take up the above item separately and to consider it at its plenary meetings.

2. The Special Committee considered the item at its 1417th, 1427th and 1428th meetings, between 12 July and 12 August 1993.

3. In its consideration of the item, the Special Committee took into account the provisions of General Assembly resolution 47/16 of 16 November 1992 concerning implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations, paragraph 26 of which, the Assembly requested the Committee "to continue to examine the question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session". The Committee also took into account all other relevant resolutions adopted by the Assembly on this subject, including in particular resolution 47/22 of 25 November 1992 relating to cooperation and coordination of specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their assistance to Non-Self-Governing Territories, and resolution 46/181 of 19 December 1991, endorsing the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism.

4. The Special Committee also took into account the provisions of resolution 1993/55 of the Economic and Social Council, adopted at its 45th plenary meeting, on 29 July 1993. By paragraph 14 of that resolution, the Council drew "the attention of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution and to the discussions held on the subject at the substantive session of 1993 of the Economic and Social Council" (E/1993/SR.45). Further, the Committee took into consideration the relevant documents of other intergovernmental bodies concerned, to which reference is made in the sixth preambular paragraph of the resolution it adopted on 12 August (see paras. 12 and 15).

5. During its consideration of the item, the Special Committee had before it a report of the Secretary-General (A/48/224 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2), submitted in response to the request addressed to him by the General Assembly in paragraph 22 of resolution 47/16, containing information on action taken by the organizations of the United Nations system in the implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations referred to above.

6. During its consideration of the item, the Special Committee took into account the conclusions and recommendations it had adopted at its 1414th meeting, on 28 May (A/AC.109/L.1795); see also A/48/23 (Part I), chapter I, paragraphs 32-38.

7. At the 1417th meeting, on 12 July, the Chairman made a statement and drew attention to the relevant documentation (see A/AC.109/PV.1417).

8. At the 1427th meeting, on 27 July, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution contained in document E/1993/L.37, which was being considered by the Economic and Social Council in Geneva.

9. At the same meeting, the Chairman reported orally on his participation, on behalf of the Special Committee, in the work of the Economic and Social Council in connection with its consideration of the item during the Council's substantive session for 1993 (A/AC.109/PV.1427).

10. At the 1428th meeting, on 12 August, the Chairman drew attention to the relevant documentation, including the report on the related consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council under the terms of paragraph 23 of General Assembly resolution 47/16 (A/AC.109/L.1805 and E/1993/98) as well as to a draft resolution submitted by Cuba and the United Republic of Tanzania (see A/AC.109/L.1806).

11. At the same meeting, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania introduced the draft resolution.

12. At the same meeting, the Special Committee adopted draft resolution A/AC.109/L.1806 by a vote of 17 to 2. The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement in explanation of vote (see A/AC.109/PV.1428).

13. On 18 August, the text of the resolution (A/AC.109/1175) was transmitted to the Organization of African Unity, the South Pacific Forum, the Caribbean Community and the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system. On the same date, the text of the resolution was transmitted to all States.

B. Decision of the Special Committee

14. The text of the resolution (A/AC.109/1175) adopted by the Special Committee at its 1428th meeting, on 12 August 1993 (see para. 12), is reproduced in section C below, in the form of a recommendation of the Special Committee to the General Assembly.

C. Recommendation of the Special Committee

15. In accordance with decisions taken at its 1412th and 1417th meetings, on 10 February and 12 July 1993, respectively, the Special Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations",

Having considered the reports submitted on the item by the Secretary-General 1/ and the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with

regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 2/

Having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the item, 3/

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and resolution 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960, as well as all other resolutions adopted by the Assembly on this subject, including, in particular, resolution 46/181 of 19 December 1991, endorsing the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, 4/

Recalling also General Assembly resolution S-16/1 of 14 December 1989, the annex to which contains the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa,

Recognizing the responsibility of the United Nations and the international community, as envisaged in the Declaration, to help the South African people in their legitimate struggle for the total elimination of apartheid through peaceful means,

Bearing in mind the relevant provisions of the final documents of the successive Conferences of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries and of the resolutions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, the South Pacific Forum and the Caribbean Community,

Welcoming the announcement that the first democratic elections will be held in South Africa on 27 April 1994,

Concerned that the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples have not been fully achieved,

Recognizing that permanent peace and stability in South Africa can only be achieved when the system of apartheid in that country has been eradicated and South Africa has been transformed into a united, democratic and non-racial country, and reiterating therefore that all the necessary measures should be adopted at the present time to bring a speedy end to the apartheid system in the interest of all the people of the world,

Noting that the large majority of the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories are small island Territories,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 43/189 of 20 December 1988, concerning specific measures in favour of island developing countries,

Bearing in mind the conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting of Governmental Experts of Island Developing Countries and Donor Countries and Organizations, held in New York from 25 to 29 June 1990, 5/

Recalling relevant resolutions of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee concerning the access of Non-Self-Governing Territories to programmes of the United Nations system,

Noting the assistance extended thus far to Non-Self-Governing Territories by certain specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations

1. Takes note of the report of its Chairman on his consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council 2/ and endorses the observations and suggestions arising therefrom; 6/

2. Recommends that all States should intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

3. Reaffirms that the specialized agencies and other organizations and institutions of the United Nations system should continue to be guided by the relevant resolutions of the United Nations in their efforts to contribute to the full implementation, without further delay, of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and all other relevant General Assembly resolutions;

4. Reaffirms also that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the aspiration of the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories to exercise their right to self-determination and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension of all necessary moral and material assistance to those peoples;

5. Expresses its appreciation to those specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system that have continued to cooperate with the United Nations and the regional and subregional organizations in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations, and urges all the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to accelerate the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

6. Requests the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as international and regional organizations, to examine and review conditions in each Territory so as to take appropriate measures to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of the Territories;

7. Requests the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations, as well as regional organizations, to strengthen existing measures of support and formulate additional appropriate programmes of assistance to the remaining Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories, within the framework of their respective mandates, in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories;

8. Further requests the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, in formulating their assistance programmes, to take due account of the conclusions and recommendations, entitled "Challenges and opportunities: a strategic framework", of the Meeting of Governmental Experts of Island Developing Countries and Donor Countries and Organizations, held in New York in June 1990; 5/

9. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to formulate programmes that will support the sustainable development of small island Non-Self-Governing Territories and adopt measures that will enable those Territories to cope effectively, creatively and sustainably with environmental changes and to mitigate impacts and reduce the threats posed to marine and coastal resources;

10. Urges the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to formulate, with the active cooperation of the regional organizations concerned, concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and to submit the proposals as a matter of priority to their governing and legislative organs;

11. Recommends that the executive heads of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund should draw the attention of their governing bodies to the present resolution and consider introducing flexible procedures to prepare specific programmes for the peoples of the Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories;

12. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system that have not already done so to include in the agenda of the regular meetings of their governing bodies a separate item on the progress they have made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

13. Welcomes the continued initiative exercised by the United Nations Development Programme in maintaining close liaison among the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and in coordinating the activities of the agencies in extending effective assistance to the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories, and calls upon the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as a matter of urgency, to contribute generously to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in those Non-Self-Governing Territories affected by natural disasters;

14. Urges the administering Powers concerned to facilitate the participation of the representatives of the Governments of Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories in the relevant meetings and conferences of the agencies and organizations so that the Territories may draw the maximum benefits from the related activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system;

15. Appeals to the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to increase humanitarian and legal assistance to the victims of apartheid, returning refugees and exiles and released political prisoners;

16. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to adhere to the Programme of Action contained in the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, in particular with regard to increased support for the opponents of apartheid, and the use of concerted and effective measures aimed at applying pressure to ensure a speedy end to apartheid;

17. Stresses, in the context of the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, the need for the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to render all possible assistance to the front-line and neighbouring States to enable them to rebuild their economies, which have been adversely affected by acts of aggression and destabilization by South Africa;

18. Urges all States, especially those that have economic, financial or other links to South Africa, to adhere fully to the Programme of Action contained in the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in

Southern Africa until the establishment of a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa;

19. Recommends that all Governments should intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system of which they are members to ensure the full and effective implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations and, in that connection, should accord priority to the question of providing assistance on an emergency basis to the peoples of the Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories;

20. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to assist the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in working out appropriate measures for implementing the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and to prepare for submission to the relevant bodies, with the assistance of those agencies and organizations, a report on the action taken in implementation of the relevant resolutions, including the present resolution, since the circulation of his previous report;

21. Commends the Economic and Social Council for its debate and resolution on this issue and requests it to continue to consider, in consultation with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, appropriate measures for coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in implementing the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

22. Requests the specialized agencies to report periodically to the Secretary-General on the implementation of the present resolution;

23. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the governing bodies of the appropriate specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations so that those bodies take the necessary measures to implement the resolution, and also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

24. Requests the Special Committee to continue to examine the question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

Notes

1/ A/48/224 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2.

2/ A/AC.109/L.1805.

3/ The present chapter.

4/ See A/46/634/Rev.1 of 13 December 1991.

5/ A/CONF.147/5-TD/B/AC.46/4, chap. II.

6/ E/1993/98.

CHAPTER VIII

INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES TRANSMITTED UNDER ARTICLE 73 e OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS

A. Consideration by the Special Committee

1. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February 1993, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/L.1794) the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to take up the above item separately and to consider it at its plenary meetings.

2. The Special Committee considered the item at its 1415th to 1417th meetings held between 7 and 12 July 1993.

3. In its consideration of the item, the Special Committee took into account the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly concerning information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations and related questions, in particular resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, by which the Assembly decided, inter alia, to dissolve the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories and to transfer certain of its functions to the Special Committee, and paragraph 5 of resolution 47/14 of 16 November 1992, by which the Assembly requested the Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII), in accordance with established procedures, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-eighth session. Further, the Committee took into account the relevant provisions of Assembly resolution 47/23 of 25 November 1992 on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and Assembly resolution 45/33 of 20 November 1990 relating to the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration.

4. During its consideration of the item, the Special Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/AC.109/1160), containing information on the dates on which information from the Non-Self-Governing Territories concerned, called for under Article 73 e of the Charter, was transmitted for the years 1991 and 1992 up to 24 June 1993.

5. During its consideration of the item the Special Committee took into account the conclusions and recommendations it had adopted at its 1414th meeting, on 28 May (A/AC.109/L.1795); see also A/48/23 (Part I), chapter I, paragraphs ___, and annex I.

6. At the 1415th and 1416th meetings, on 7 and 8 July, the Chairman drew attention to draft resolution A/AC.109/L.1798 submitted by him on the item.

7. At its 1417th meeting, on 12 July, the Special Committee adopted draft resolution A/AC.109/L.1798 without objection.

8. On 19 July, the text of the resolution (A/AC.109/1165) was transmitted to the representatives of the administering Powers for the attention of their Governments.

B. Decision of the Special Committee

9. The text of the resolution (A/AC.109/1165) adopted by the Special Committee at its 1417th meeting on 12 July 1993 (see para. 7), appears under section C in the form of a recommendation of the Special Committee to the General Assembly.

C. Recommendation of the Special Committee

10. In accordance with decisions taken at its 1412th and 1417th meetings, on 10 February and 12 July 1993, respectively, the Special Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations 1/ and the action taken by the Committee in respect of that information,

Having also examined the report of the Secretary-General on this item, 2/

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, in which the Assembly requested the Special Committee to study the information transmitted to the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations and to take such information fully into account in examining the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 47/14 of 16 November 1992, in which the Assembly requested the Special Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under resolution 1970 (XVIII),

Stressing the importance of timely transmission by the administering Powers of adequate information under Article 73 e of the Charter, in particular in relation to the preparation by the Secretariat of the working papers on the Territories concerned,

1. Approves the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations; 1/

2. Reaffirms that, in the absence of a decision by the General Assembly itself that a Non-Self-Governing Territory has attained a full measure of self-government in terms of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations, the administering Power concerned should continue to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter with respect to that Territory;

3. Requests the administering Powers concerned to transmit or continue to transmit to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 e of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned, within a maximum period of six months following the expiration of the administrative year in those Territories;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that adequate information is drawn from all available published sources in connection with the preparation of the working papers relating to the Territories concerned;

5. Requests the Special Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under General Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII), in accordance with established procedures, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

Notes

1/ The present chapter.

2/ A/48/___ (to be issued).